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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-1633-A)**

In re Application of:)
Storhoff, et al.)
Serial No. 10/612,422) Examiner Jezia Riley
Filed: July 2, 2003) Group Art Unit: 1637
For: Nanoparticle Polyanion Conjugates and) Confirmation No. 6581
Methods of Use Thereof in Detecting)
Analytes)

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) Response to Office Action dated March 20, 2006; and
 - b) Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (one month).
2. With respect to fees:
 - a) Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490 in the amount of \$60.00.
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Respectfully submitted,

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